Haiti - A Natural Disaster?

DIRECTIONS

Read the following news story and answer the reading comprehension and discussion questions.

STORY

**Island Nation of Haiti Reels After Earthquake Causes 'Enormous' Damage**

01/13/2010

<http://www.pbs.org/newshour/extra/features/world/jan-june10/haiti_01-13.html>

Questions using the text

1. **What happened in Haiti January 12, 2010?**

There was an earthquake

1. **Why did so many buildings collapse?**

The buildings were of bad quality.

1. **What is the relationship between Haiti and the United States?**

They are currently on good terms

1. **How can Americans help the situation in Haiti?**

They have mobilized resources and manpower to help with the relief effort.

1. **What happened in Haiti in 1804?**

The Haitian revolution ended and Haiti gained independence.

1. **Who was “Papa Doc?”**

President François Duvalier of Haiti

1. **Who was Jean Bertrand Aristide?**

Haiti’s first democratically elected president

1. **What is the Gonave microplate?**

**Extended Tasks**

1. **Watch the Video and then explain exactly the causes of the Earthquake in Port au Prince. You can add any images you can find.**
2. **Why Did So many People Die in Haiti?**

**The devastating earthquakes that hit China on 12 May 2008, Italy on 6 April 2009 and Haiti in January 2010 all measured above 6.0 and took many lives. But why was the human cost so much greater for Haiti?**

**Use the article below to answer this question in a number of points. You will need to add data to help back up your answer.**

[**http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/8510900.stm**](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/8510900.stm)